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Lack of public awareness/sensitisation pushing persons of autistic spectrum away from public transport as cases point to rising unruly and unwelcome attitudes

ACCESS DENIED

'Unique Disability ID not sufficient to avail support'

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It's a struggle for autistic persons to access public transport in Bengaluru. As each person faces a particular difficulty in a social setting — for instance, some sensitive to sound and some to light — experts BM spoke to said awareness and sensitised individuals are key.

Programme director at Ishanya Foundation Anoop Simha recalled instances where parents who took autistic children onboard public transport were facing a slew of problems.

"One of the parents insisted the public must be made aware of the autistic community and challenges faced by them. The parent in question who had just moved to Bengaluru constantly faced issues aboard public transport — passengers and transport officials were not welcoming or inclusive. Their trips from HSR Layout to JP Nagar were overwhelming. In another case, an

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"It's a challenge for the unaware to be sensitive to autistic persons but accessibility is all about the willingness to provide scaffolding.

— Sharbani Mallick, Bubbles for Autism

Fatal crossing

406 persons died 'trespassing' South Western Railways tracks in 2021

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With the city growing and expanding in geographical area, most of the infrastructure - commercial and residential - are coming up in and around railway tracks. However, the railways are now facing a new challenge as most people prefer to get past the tracks by crossing at random places instead of taking a detour to the nearest railway overbridge or underpass.

Statistics from 2021 showed 406 people died while crossing railway tracks in South Western Railways jurisdiction.

Aneesh Hegde, chief public relations officer, South Western Railways, said, ignorance and lack of awareness are resulting in trespassing. "In the last year, 859 violations were booked in Bengaluru division, 451 in Mysuru and 1,583 in Hubballi division. Violators will be booked under section 147 of the Railways Act. The punishment is six months imprisonment or Rs 1,000 fine or both. However the emphasis of this campaign is not punishment but prevention of trespassing. Our goal is now to make the public aware, inform and educate them. We are persuading and counselling people not to adopt shortcuts to cross railway tracks," Hegde explained.

Sanjeev Kishore, general manager of SWR, said the railways is deeply concerned about the death of passengers/public on railway tracks due to trespassing.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Clay time

Attend a trial workshop or sign up for a nine-session-long pottery class to learn how to handle a potter's wheel and mould beautiful ceramic and clay pieces. This is just the therapeutic hobby for you if you're an artsy soul. **When: April 12 onwards; Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar**
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In Rama Navami spirits
Artists dressed up as characters of Ramayana greeted commuters on Rama Navami on Sunday, near Gandhi Nagar.
PIC: KAUSHIK JN

Booster dose drives need some boosting

Covaxin, Covishield boosters for 18 and above available in abundance for cheaper but Sputnik stocks are low in hospitals; will be ordered on demand

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On Sunday, precautionary Covid vaccine doses were rolled out for all citizens 18 and above. Stocks of Covaxin and Covishield are available but those administered with Sputnik must note many hospitals do not have it in stock now. Last year, during July, Sputnik vaccines were rolled out in the city. Many went to private hospitals for the vaccines. Some chose it over others vaccines as second doses of it were available within 21 days.

Considering the date of its roll out, most citizens who took it must be eligible to get a Sputnik booster dose by now or by May. However, many private centres no longer have Sputnik in stock.

"Most hospitals do not have Sputnik any longer. We have stocks of Covishield and Covaxin. It can be difficult for those who have received both doses of Sputnik. For now, the demand for booster doses is low. However, we must see if it picks up now that those 18 and above are allowed to take it," said a senior doctor at a private hospital.

Dr Govindaiah Yatheesh, president elect, Private Hospital and Nursing Association, pointed out, the majority have been administered with Covishield and Covaxin doses and the number of Sputnik vaccine takers is very low.

The government, on Saturday, announced slashing down of the prices of booster doses

"If need be, the hospitals will be able to mobilise the vaccines, depending on the demand," he said. A spokesperson of Manipal Hospitals said, "We are waiting to hear about the Sputnik precautionary dose. We have not received any query till date."

Another private hospital employee stated, Sputnik vaccines were ordered by a few hospitals but in minimal quantities. Hence the stock was over by November. "We will have to see the demand when people start coming forward. Most of them have taken it easy and are not coming for booster doses," said a doctor.

Serum Institute of India to compensate

The government, on Saturday, announced slashing down of the prices of booster doses from Rs 600 to Rs 225 for Covishield and Rs 1,200 to Re 225 for Covaxin.

However, Serum Institute of India said to the Centre that they will compensate for unexpired stocks lying in private centres in the form of free vials of fresh stocks.

> **"Most hospitals do not have Sputnik any longer. It can be difficult for those who have received both doses of Sputnik** – A senior doctor

Many private hospitals were unhappy with the dip in prices, as they had purchased the vaccines at the original prices.

Dr R Ravindra, past president, PHANA, said, "It will cost us a lot of loss as we had procured the vaccines at the older prices. Now giving it away at lower prices is not possible. We had written to the manufacturers to look into the decision made again."

First day

The first day after those 18 and above were allowed to take booster doses did not see many people turn up for vaccination.

"The drive was slow, since it was the first day. However it will eventually pick up." said Dr Yatheesh.

Some of those that went to receive precautionary doses to private centres were charged old prices. Some took the vaccines, others did not stating the prices were brought down and yet hospitals are charging by old prices.

Manipal Hospital in Bengaluru administered a total 180 booster doses, 97 Covaxin and 83 Covishield ones.

Scratch an accident to get murder

Probe reveals man who was found dead on road due to what looked like an accident was actually murdered to clear way for girlfriend

The culprits are said to have killed the man and put the body and the man's bike on the Chikkaballapur highway

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Months of probing into a suspicious road accident, police have uncovered a morbid plot of murder. On November 25, 2021, the Manchenahalli police was informed by a few passersby that an unidentified man had probably fallen down from his bike on the Chikkaballapur main road and had died. The police registered a case of unnatural death under suspicious circumstances and subjected the body for post-mortem.

Now, the Gauribiddanur police have arrested a 29-year-old married woman and four others including her lover, for planning and executing the murder of her boyfriend and dressing the crime scene to make it look like a road accident.

After the man's body was found on the road, the police circulated his photographs and learnt that his name was P Prasanna Kumar and that he was a private company employee. Kumar's parents told the cops that they were not convinced it was an accident and requested the police to carry out a fair investigation.

The cops registered a case of unnatural death under 174-C section of the CrPC and awaited for the post-mortem reports from the FSL.

On February 23, 2022, the postmortem reports revealed that the cause of the death was due to strangulation, and subsequently, the case was escalated to a case of kidnap and murder under 364 and 302 of the IPC.

During the course of investigation, the police found out that the prime accused is a woman named M Pavithra who worked as a sales executive. A senior police officer said that Pavithra, a native of Kollapur in Telangana, is married and has two children, and was in a relationship with Kumar. Pavithra's family had come to know of it and allegedly warned Kumar to back off and they kept a vigil on Pavithra. In November last year, Pavitha is said to have become close to a person at her workplace, Risabh Mittal, who also runs a transport firm. When Kumar came to know of the relationship, he allegedly began stalking Pavithra and requesting her to get back with him. Pavithra is said to have been annoyed with Kumar's nagging and she allegedly confided in Mittal and requested him to "eliminate" Kumar.

> **"Soon after all the accused were individually interrogated, they spilled the beans and confessed to the crime**
>
> – VK Vasudev, DySP, Chikkaballapur district police

Mittal had a few workers including Shambulinga, a canter driver and two loaders Makkar and Boni called Kumar to the transport office on the pretext of giving him work.

When he arrived, Shambulinga and his two accomplices strangled and killed him. They then told Mittal about it, and were allegedly asked to dump the body on the Chikkaballapur highway along with his bike. They did so and made it look like an accident. "Soon after all the accused were individually interrogated, they spilled the beans and confessed to the crime after which all of them were arrested in no time," said VK Vasudev, DySP, Chikkaballapur district police.

CBI rules out FBI presence to probe Bitcoin hacking case

The Central Bureau of Investigation has dismissed reports in a section of the media which said that a team of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States of America has come to India to investigate the Bitcoin hacking case in Karnataka.

"Reference is invited to reports in sections of media that a FBI team has come to India to investigate a Bitcoin case of Karnataka police.

This is to inform that FBI has not sent any team to India for conducting a probe in the matter nor has any request been made by FBI to CBI for conducting investigation in this case in India," the CBI said in a statement.

The premier probe agency of India said the question of any permission for the probe by competent authority in India does not arise.

"CBI as the National Central Bureau for Interpol in India coordinates closely with international law enforcement agencies including FBI," the CBI added.

The Bitcoin case had brought turmoil in the state last year when media reported that a hacker had hacked into the Bitcoin portal and siphoned off huge amounts of money. – PTI

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Long, lasting inconvenience

A 500-metre-long stretch has been dug up in Gandhi Nagar by the Bengaluru Smart City Limited (BSCL). The authorities have taken up works on this stretch that connects the area to various major roads in the city.
This is affecting motorists as a large portion of the road is covered with debris and mud. There is very little space for commuters to ride or drive here.
The road is also covered in dust which can cause serious health issues like breathing difficulties among the commuters.

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Paws, eyes wide open

SWR's RPF equips canine squad with Go-PRO cameras for better surveillance

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Currently, the team has five Labradors and four Belgian Malinois on the squad

Railway Protection Force (RPF) canine squad has decided to mount Go-PRO cameras on sniffer dogs for the first time in South Western Railway (SWR) history. Prior to this, officials extensively depended on the dog handler's interpretation of the situation to make an immediate decision.

These dogs are trained to detect IEDs, narcotics, contraband and anomalies while conducting their passenger security duties. On finding suspicious objects or while dealing with bomb threats, the handler lets the dog investigate the spot under threat. The handler interprets the dog's behaviour and provides an analysis to the RPF team to take action.

In a bid to reduce the dependence of the handler in assessing the criticality of the situation, the RPF team has devised a way to mount a Go-PRO camera on the members of the canine squad by using specialised harnesses.

These cameras will provide 360-degree live feeds to the Command Centre and will be aired along with the 24x7 CCTV live feed. Using the feed, the RPF team will be able to make more accurate assessments in tight situations as it will provide crucial inputs.

This will also allow them to view other incidents during the exercise using the 360-degree feed. The footage will be kept with the team for 90 days for analysis before deleting.

RPF has given the sanction for 12 dogs to be fitted with Go-PRO cams. Currently, the team has five Labradors and four Belgian Malinois.

> **"It's a pilot project in Bengaluru where the camera is mounted on a dog to explore a suspicious site**
> –DRM Shyam Singh

Three other Belgian Malinois will be recruited for the exercise. These dogs are trained daily on narcotics and IED detection in the internal dog training facilities located in Yeswanthpur and Bangalore Cantonment. The four Belgian Malinois are being trained in a facility in Pune and will be equipped with cameras there.

Reportedly, the idea was inspired by foreign militaries using cameras to identify IEDs and perform mine checks. The dog's height and level of perspective were an added advantage in these scenarios and allowed for two-way communication.

Regular rounds will be conducted in stations with higher footfalls including Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna, Cantonment, Yeswanthpur and Krishnarajapuram railway stations.

"It's a pilot project in Bengaluru where the camera is mounted on a dog to explore a suspicious site. It provides a real-time feed of the situation and it can be viewed by the control room," said DRM Shyam Singh.

"We are trying to integrate technology into our processes. Technology acts like a man multiplier and ensures lesser dependence on manpower... It's a part of our plan to improve station security...," said RPF IG Alok Kumar.

Along with the cameras for the canine squad, 10 RPF personnel were given body-worn cameras. The security division has received sanctions for 20 cameras and it will be distributed to trained escorting staff and the all-women Shakthi team. These measures are expected to build more accountability in officials. The cameras have inbuilt GPS facilities that will allow RPF to track the whereabouts of officials while on duty.

"The person handling the situation need not remember every single detail. The situation will be live-fed to the Control Room and the feed will be stored for 30 days. The feed can also be used in a court of law as evidence. Based on the success, it will be further extended to major stations like Mysuru and Hubballi," said Kumar.

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All dug up

CMH Road

The entry to this road from 80 Feet Road in Indiranagar is in a bad shape. It has been dug up on both sides.

Burning issue

Marathahalli

It is curious that folks have been burning dry leaves inside the lake premises when the water body is fenced well. BBMP must look into this.

Encroachment alert

Bangalore Urban

Folks have been pitching tents at the children's playground preventing the space from being used by kids.

Respect the grand banyan & stick to your lane please

Plastic barricades to ensure people don't get too close to Dodda Alada Mara and tamper with its roots

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You can go to the big banyan, but its roots will no longer be within reach. For long, Bengaluru's pride — the Big Banyan Tree — was suffering because people used to play with the roots, hang around them and even try to swing on the roots.

Now, finally, the Horticulture department has decided to put an end to the 'child's play' and step in to save the 400-year-old tree. For the first time, entry to the Big Banyan tree has been restricted by plaster barricades all around the pathways so that visitors cannot touch any of the roots. Environmentalists say that this new method is finally paying off as the Big Banyan tree seems to be flourishing.

Gaurav Kumar, a regular visitor to the Dodda Alada Mara, said, "I have been visiting the tree campus since I was a kid and it was being neglected. However, now if you happen to visit the campus now, it exudes a new look as people are barred from touching the props."

The area around the tree that was once one of the most visited spots is also becoming 'cleaner'. To stop people from touching the roots, the horticulture department has put up plastic to prevent people from deviating from the footpaths.

A garden is also being planned and the entire campus is getting a greener look.

During last year's rainfall, a few of the huge roots had fallen. To stop further fall, iron rods have been placed and ropes are tied to the weak roots. The biggest challenge for the department was the manhandling of the roots, which did not stop despite posting guards as it gets tough to control the crowd. A horticulture department official said that despite warnings, people used to throw trash around.

Now, a garden is being planned and this will enhance the beauty of the area.

For a long time, the vicinity of the tree has been neglected. In August 2019, a 13-member expert committee under the guidance of environmentalist AN Yellappa Reddy had prepared a detailed project report. In fact, Reddy wanted the big banyan tree to be converted into an eco clinic for the benefit of people suffering from depression. The horticulture department is also scouting for land to expand its growth. The banyan tree is spread across two acres and 22 guntas. It requires more space to grow. The department wants at least three more acres.

Big Banyan tree is cordoned off and some of its weak roots have been given support

ROOT CAUSE

6th largest Banyan tree campus

Kethohalli Banyan tree has 1,359 prop roots. Of them, 811 prop roots are touching the ground and 548 are hanging prop roots. As per the Bengaluru gazetteer, this tree is 400 years old. The total canopy coverage of the tree (total gross area) is 10,322.76 sq mt. The actual canopy coverage of the tree (net area) is 10,023.40 sq mt. Kethohalli Big Banyan Tree is the sixth biggest banyan tree in the country. The other five biggest trees are; Thimmamma Marimanu (Andhra Pradesh)-19,107.76 sq mt, Kabirvad (Gujarat)-17,520.09, Giant Banyan tree (Uttar Pradesh)-16,769.67 sq mt, Giant Banyan tree, Kolkata-16,531.19 square metres and Pillalamarri (Telangana)-12,267.16 sq mt. There are around 37 different species and 1,150 varieties in the world. India has 12 species with 165 varieties. Parts fo the tree are used to treat diarrhea, tooth decay, inflammation, gum diseases and others.

Centre in city has an eye on space debris

Bengaluru is playing a key role in keeping the skies clean. A dedicated Space Situational Awareness Control Centre is set up in Bengaluru to coordinate all space debris related activities within ISRO and to safeguard Indian operational space assets from collision threats.

Currently, India has 103 active or defunct spacecraft and 114 objects categorised as 'space debris' in orbit and it has embarked on a research to reduce such fragments from outer space. "Presently, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has taken up research activities to study the feasibility and technologies required to undertake active debris removal (ADR)," Minister of State in PMO Jitendra Singh said. According to Orbital Debris Quarterly News issued in March by NASA, India had 103 spacecraft, including active and defunct satellites, and 114 space debris objects, including spent rocket bodies orbiting the earth. So, the country has a total of 217 space objects orbiting the earth.

Singh said Active Debris Removal (ADR) was one of the active methods suggested by the Space Debris Research Community to contain the growth of space debris objects. "ADR is a very complex technology and involves policy and legal issues. Technology demonstration studies have been taken up by many countries, including India. Developmental studies for finalising necessary technologies are initiated to demonstrate ADR," he said. A top ISRO official had told a technology conclave last year that the space agency was working on futuristic technologies such as self-eating rockets and vanishing satellites as part of measures to reduce space debris. According to the Orbital Debris Quarterly News, the US has 4,144 spacecraft (active and defunct), and 5,126 objects that can be categorised as space debris in the earth's orbit.

China has 517 spacecraft, active and defunct, and 3,854 objects, including spent rocket bodies, orbiting the earth.

Singh said ISRO has also set up the Directorate Space Situational Awareness and Management at its headquarters to deal with issues related to space debris. The minister added that ISRO was also planning to have its own observational facilities to track and catalogue the space objects. -PTI

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Trespassers may lose their lives

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"In the last year (2021), 406 persons died on railway tracks due to instances of trespassing. In order to create awareness, inform and educate the travelling public and passengers, we are launching a fortnight-long special awareness drive throughout the zone. We appeal to all the passengers to take a pledge that they will not trespass on the railway tracks and will not use headphones near the tracks. We request the passengers to make use of foot-overbridge or trolley path to move across the tracks," said Kishore.

However, many said mere campaigning is not enough as railways should provide more subways or pass-overs for citizens to cross tracks. "Though the railways have started to install escalators, it is not enough as only a few platforms are connected by escalators. So those who cannot climb the stairs prefer to jump over the tracks.

There are many residential areas which are now divided by railway tracks as localities have seen rapid growth in the realty sector. Railways should focus on constructing overpasses or subways even in residential areas and this will stop people from crossing the railway tracks by foot," said Nanda Kumar, a resident of Shettyhalli.

CID to probe alleged fraud in sub-inspector recruitment

Karnataka Home Minister Araga Jnanendra on Sunday said that a proper CID team has been constituted to investigate the alleged fraud in the recruitment process for the position of sub-inspector.

According to the home minister, an exam has been conducted for the recruitment process of 545 sub-inspectors.

"We have got some information from the public regarding the fraud in the recruitment process. We have appointed a CID team to look into the investigation of the matter," said Jnanendra in a statement.

"An FIR has been registered in Kalburgi Chowk police station. As per the evidence, one person has been taken into custody," he added.

The home minister said that the accused has been identified as Veeresh and has been taken into custody. He was also a candidate in the recruitment process. Allegedly, he scored 100 marks in the exam after attempting questions for 21 marks.

"We will be investigating the OMR sheet of the candidate and strict action will be taken against those who try to take the law into their hands," said the home minister. **ANI**

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Autism: Awareness for accessibility

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autistic person being trained for employment would travel by Metro. Being a self-advocate, he would ask fellow passengers if they thought there was any problem with him. However, his queries were not well-received. Similarly, a mother and child were travelling in Metro and the child had a breakdown while they were about to board the train. The parent and child were stopped by the security guard citing inconvenience for other passengers. Due to the persistence of the mother, the security guard had to allow them to travel further," Simha told BM.

Lack of awareness in official circles is a blow to even self-advocacy of autistic persons.

Vidya Anand, parent of a 26-year old autistic person, noted it is also difficult to avail of the support services provided by the government.

"The Unique Disability ID is not sufficient to avail support systems. Depending on the percentage of disability, a monthly allowance, Niramaya health insurance and travel allowance are provided. To get the travel allowance, you need to go to the respective taluk office or Kandhaya Bhavana. Officials at Kandhaya Bhavana haven't been sensitised about the disability. In addition, you need to undergo a long process of filing applications at the taluk office before availing these benefits. There is also a railway allowance given to autistic persons. You need to gather a specific form from the railway office, get it signed and sealed by the government hospital, such as NIMHANS. Once you bring it back, you have to wait for two months. Some officials are not aware of autistic disability and assume it is a mental illness, when they see no signs of physical disability," she added.

Experts stressed though the solution is not simple, awareness is the key and first step. Taking into account the current situation, experts foresee the aforementioned as the only solution.

"The major challenge with autistic persons is that the disability is not evident in their physical appearance. An autistic person looks physically fit and sometimes even converse without difficulty. It's a challenge for the unaware to be sensitive to autistic persons but accessibility is all about the willingness to provide scaffolding," said Sharbani Mallick, managing trustee of Bubbles for Autism.

Experts did not rule out building an exclusive public transport system for autistic persons. "We have seen adaptations made for persons with physical disabilities but it can be quite challenging to add infrastructural improvements as they face a wide range of issues. The autistic person also has to endure a lot to travel on public transport. An exclusive transport system for people with special needs should be considered. It starts at a micro level where parents chaperone their children through public transport," Mallick said, adding that in some countries autistic persons are part of the public transport crew, even driving public transport vehicles.

Meanwhile, BMTC public relations officer told BM that the corporation conducted training for its personnel to sensitise them towards specially abled individuals. "Around 5,672 staff members were trained before covid-19. However, the training was not an autism-specific one," the PRO noted.

Karnataka races ahead of Delhi on EV 2-wheelers

Among 3,36,924 EVs in country, Delhi's share is 19,084 and Karnataka has 65,171

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Karnataka has the highest number of electric two-wheelers in the country, thereby driving the EV market in this segment. According to the latest statistics, there are 1,051,202 EVs in the country across all the segments. Out of them, Karnataka accounts for 89,869 EVs, standing next only to Delhi (139,924).

Interestingly, Karnataka beats New Delhi in terms of electric two-wheelers. Among 3,36,924 electric two-wheelers in the country, Delhi's share is 19,084 and Karnataka has 65,171. Even among the four-wheelers, Karnataka (6,668) beats Delhi (3,236). However, Delhi's figures go up for the increased electric three-wheelers (1, 15,753) as against Karnataka's 16,489 three-wheelers, which are electric.

Though Karnataka has the second highest number of EVs in the country, the comparison of EVs to other vehicles is negligible. In a Lok Sabha reply, Union Minister of State for Heavy Industries Krishan Pal Gurjar said, "The proportion of EVs with respect to the total vehicles used in Karnataka is 0.34 per cent. Under FAME India Scheme Phase-II, 172 charging stations have been sanctioned in Karnataka. Out of these, 152 stations have been sanctioned in Bengaluru, 10 each in Kalaburagi and Mangaluru cities. Under phase one of the scheme, a total 60 charging stations have been installed in Bengaluru. Further, 100 charging stations and five battery swapping facilities are available at the retail outlet in Karnataka."

But, officials are hopeful demand for EVs will pick up once the cost is at par with fossil fuel vehicles. Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari recently said strides in technology and green fuel will reduce the cost of electric automobiles, bringing them at par with petrol-run vehicles in the next two years.

Replying in the Lok Sabha on the Demands for Grants for Road Transport and Highways Ministry, 2022-23, Gadkari emphasised the need to shift to cost-effective indigenous fuel and hoped that this fuel will be a reality soon, bringing the pollution levels down and improving the overall situation in Delhi. Urging MPs to adopt hydrogen technologies for transport, Gadkari asked them to start converting sewage water to produce green hydrogen in their respective districts. Hydrogen will soon be the cheapest fuel alternative, he said. "Within a maximum of two years, the cost of electric scooter, car and auto rickshaw will be the same as petrol-driven scooter, car, and auto rickshaw. Prices of lithium-ion batteries are coming down. We are developing this chemistry of zinc-ion, aluminium-ion, and sodium-ion batteries. In the case of petrol-run vehicles, you are spending Rs 100, then on electric vehicles you will spend Rs 10 (for using)," Gadkari said. **(Agency inputs)**

BM UPGRADE TO AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE
TOWARDS A GREEN BENGALURU

Battery at B'luru startup gets European order

In a boost to domestic manufacturing, one of the world's most energy dense batteries designed by a former Tesla engineer for a Bengaluru-based battery startup has been picked up by a European renewable energy company, Eren Groupe, for its storage applications, the startup's co-founder said on Sunday.

The development has opened up possibilities of use of these batteries in EVs and solar projects in India, the co-founder said. Battery is the critical component of an electric vehicle and the run it gives on a full charge as well as the time taken to charge it dictates the success of the green vehicle.

It is also critical in solar power projects as energy from the sun is not available throughout the day and on all days, thereby requiring storage.

CHARGING POINT

Eren Group - promoted by pioneer of solar power Paris Mouratoglou, will acquire 54MWh battery from Pravaig, said Siddhartha Bagri, who founded Pravaig with Dhawal Vinkay Khullar.

"We have been working on a prototype of an EV for the last one decade and during the pursuit developed a highly dense, fast charging battery," he said, adding it takes just half-an-hour to fully charge the battery.

Also, it being highly dense means it gives more power per atom, proving to be cost-effective. "After 11 years of research and development, we now make one of the most energy dense batteries globally for automotive applications, up to 180 Wh per kg," said co-founder Ram Divedi. **PTI**

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Coinbase halts UPI payments
US-based crypto trading Coinbase has disabled the option to buy cryptocurrencies using the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in India on Sunday

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Biden, Modi to meet virtually over Ukraine

Also on the agenda are security situation in Indo-Pacific region, covid-19 pandemic, climate crisis, global economy

#Washington

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold a virtual meeting with US President Joe Biden on Monday to discuss the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the security situation in the Indo-Pacific region.

"President Joseph Biden, Jr. will meet virtually with Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India on Monday, April 11 to further deepen ties between our governments, economies, and our people," the White House spokesperson Jen Psaki said in a statement. The leaders will discuss ending the covid-19 pandemic, strengthening the global economy and bolstering "security, democracy and prosperity" in the Indo-Pacific.

"President Biden and Prime Minister Modi will discuss cooperation on a range of issues including ending the covid-19 pandemic, countering the climate crisis, strengthening the global economy, and upholding a free, open, rules-based international order to bolster security, democracy, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific," Psaki added.

According to the White House, Biden will continue close consultations on the consequences of "Russia's war against Ukraine" and mitigate its impact on global food supply and commodity markets.

File photo of US President Joe Biden meets with PM Narendra Modi in the Oval Office of the White House on September 24, 2021

Modi and Biden last spoke during the Quad Leaders meet in March.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), in a separate statement, informed that the two leaders will review ongoing bilateral cooperation and exchange views on recent developments in South Asia, the Indo-Pacific region and global issues of mutual interest.

"The virtual meeting will enable both sides to continue their regular and high-level engagement aimed at further strengthening the bilateral Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership," the MEA said. **– ANI**

UK inquiry launched into Akshata Murty's tax affairs leak

#London

An internal inquiry has been launched into how the tax affairs of Akshata Murty, daughter of Infosys co-founder Narayana Murthy, were leaked to a newspaper, according to UK media reports on Sunday.

The Whitehall investigation within UK government quarters will look into how the information about the non-domicile status of the wife of Chancellor Rishi Sunak was passed on to 'The Independent' newspaper, which first published the story earlier this week.

According to 'The Sunday Times', Sunak's team believes an Opposition Labour Party supporting government official dubbed "red throat" is responsible for the leak. "There's going to be a full Cabinet Office and HM Treasury investigation into who had that information and if anyone has requested that information. Divulging the tax status of a private individual is a criminal offence," the paper quoted an unnamed senior government official as saying.

The revelation that the Chancellor's wife, who is an Indian national, was "non-domiciled" in the UK for tax purposes meant she was not legally bound to pay taxes on her overseas earnings.

Rishi Sunak with wife Akshata

This led to allegations of hypocrisy from the Opposition benches, pointing to recent tax rises imposed by the Indian-origin finance minister. On Friday, Akshata announced that she would pay tax in the UK on all her income in order to avoid the issue being a continued "distraction" for her husband.

"My decision to pay UK tax on all my worldwide income will not change the fact that India remains the country of my birth, citizenship, parents' home and place of domicile. But I love the UK too," Murty said in a Twitter statement on Saturday. **PTI**

Andhra CM revamps Cabinet, inducts fresh faces

#Amaravati

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy, while keeping his promise made in June 2019 of revamping his cabinet halfway through his tenure, has reconstituted it.

The newly formed cabinet has a mixture of senior and experienced leaders as well as fresh and young faces for balanced governance.

While the seniors will bring in their expertise and experience on to the table, the young leaders will bring in fresh and innovative ideas and initiatives to the table, thus aiding in people-oriented governance. The previous Ministers, however, will be given responsibilities in the party so that they can make use of their experience to ensure the party's victory in the upcoming assembly and general elections in 2024.

The representation given to the SCs, STs, minorities, and Backward Classes by the Jagan-led govt is unheard of in Andhra Pradesh history and the same continues in this cabinet as well.

In 2019, when CM Jagan formed his cabinet, of 24 Ministers, 56 per cent of them were from the SC, ST, OBC and minority sections of the society. Keeping the same motto of fair social representation, the CM has increased their representation in the cabinet to 68 per cent.

In the previous cabinet, there were 5 SCs, 1 ST, 7 OBCs, 1 minority, and 11 Other castes MLAs as Ministers. Out of the 11 Ministers retained from the previous cabinet, 4 from SC, 5 from BC and 2 from Other Category (OC), official sources said.

This reshuffle holds importance ahead of the 2024 Andhra Pradesh Assembly polls. **– ANI**

Missile firing: More than 1 official to blame, action soon

#New Delhi

In less than a month, the Indian Air Force (IAF) has completed its inquiry into the BrahMos accidental firing case and blamed more than one official from the missile squadron for the incident for which there would be "swift and severe punishment".

The inquiry into the March 9 incident was done by Assistant Chief of Air Staff Operations (Offensive) Air Vice Marshal RK Sinha where during routine maintenance and inspection, a BrahMos missile got fired accidentally and landed up in the Mian Channu area of Pakistan.

"More than one official has been found blameworthy for the incident which was totally avoidable. The guilty officials would be given a swift and severe punishment," government sources said.

The court of inquiry also found a clear violation of standard operating procedures by the officials concerned, they said.

The government and Indian Air Force top brass are of the view that the punishment should be quick and not allowed to prolong which has happened in many cases earlier, sources said.

The inquiry also brought out the role of an official in controlling the situation after the missile got launched accidentally. The IAF official probing the incident was asked to complete the inquiry in the earliest possible time frame as accountability of officials had to be fixed for the mishap which could have caused much more damage. **– ANI**

Victorious RCB takes a potshot over Kohli LBW decision

#Pune

After batter Virat Kohli faced a contentious LBW dismissal during the clash against Mumbai Indians, Royal Challengers Bangalore took a dig at the decision. Virat Kohli fumed after being dismissed LBW for 48 against Mumbai Indians on Saturday. He fell to Dewald Brevis on his first ball in the IPL. After being given out by the on-field umpire, the former RCB skipper reviewed the decision.

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The third umpire, however, felt that the ball hit the bat and pad simultaneously, and there wasn't enough evidence to overturn the on-field umpire's decision. Kohli was left furious with the call and slammed the bat on the ground as he walked back to the pavilion.

Reacting to the decision, the franchise took to Twitter and wrote, "We were just reading through the MCC Laws of Cricket for LBW decisions, here's what we found. Unfortunate that Virat Kohli had to walk back disappointed after a brilliant knock." MCC Laws of Cricket for LBW states, "In assessing point 36.1.3, if the ball makes contact with the striker's person and bat simultaneously, this shall be considered as the ball having first touched the bat." Coming to the match, inspiring knocks from Anuj Rawat and Virat Kohli helped RCB defeat Mumbai Indians by seven wickets at the Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium on Saturday.

Virat Kohli in action during match against Mumbai Indians

RCB opener Anuj Rawat smashed 66 runs off 47 balls while former skipper Virat Kohli played a knock of 48 as they chased down the target of 152 with nine balls left. Earlier, RCB bowlers restricted five-time champions MI to 151/6. This is Mumbai Indians' fourth successive loss **– ANI**

HEALTH TIP: Millet contains magnesium, copper and calcium which helps in making bones and tissues strong

Tomato is a good source of potassium and is linked with lowering the elevated blood pressure in the body

Feeling fatigued? Help's at hand

What we know about post-covid fatigue and tips to manage it

People are often surprised by how fatigued they are during a covid infection. Fatigue is more than being worn out or sleepy. It's an excessive tiredness that persists despite resting or good sleep. It's likely a result of our body's strong immune response to the virus.

But in some people the fatigue drags on even when the infection is gone. Here's what we know about post-covid fatigue, and what can help.

Fatigue or tiredness? What's the difference?

People can experience physical, mental or emotional fatigue, or any combination of these.

Tiredness can get better with enough rest, while fatigue persists even if someone is sleeping and resting more than ever.

When should I see my GP?

There are many potential causes of fatigue. Even before the pandemic, fatigue was one of the most common reasons to see a GP.

Most serious causes can be ruled out when your GP asks about your symptoms and examines you.

Sometimes your GP will investigate further, perhaps by ordering blood tests.

Symptoms that should raise particular concern include fevers, unexplained weight loss, unusual bleeding or bruising, pain (anywhere) that wakes you from sleep, or drenching night sweats.

If your fatigue is getting worse rather than better, or you cannot care for yourself properly, you really should seek medical care.

Is it like long covid?

About 85 per cent of long covid patients experience fatigue, making it one of the most common long covid symptoms.

However, people with long covid have a range of other symptoms, such as "brain fog", headaches and muscle aches.

Patients with long covid therefore experience more than fatigue, and sometimes don't have fatigue at all.

Is this like chronic fatigue syndrome?

We knew about chronic fatigue syndrome well before covid.

This often develops after a viral infection (for instance after infection with Epstein-Barr virus). So, understandably, there has been concern around the coronavirus potentially triggering chronic fatigue syndrome.

There are striking similarities between chronic fatigue syndrome and long covid. Both involve debilitating fatigue, brain fog and/or muscle aches.

But at this stage, researchers are still untangling any link between post-covid fatigue, long covid and chronic fatigue syndrome.

For now, we know many people will have post-covid fatigue but thankfully do not go on to develop long covid or chronic fatigue syndrome.

What helps me manage my fatigue?

Expect you or a loved one may develop post-covid fatigue, regardless of how unwell you or they were during the actual infection.

Vaccines help reduce the risk of post-covid fatigue by lowering the chance of catching covid in the first place. Vaccinated people who do catch covid are less likely to report fatigue and are less likely to develop long covid.

However, vaccination is not 100% protective and there are plenty of fully vaccinated people who go on to develop longer term fatigue.

The evidence for what helps you recover from post-covid fatigue is in its infancy. However, a few things do help:

1. Pace yourself: adjust the return to normal activities to your energy levels. Choose your priorities and focus on what you can do rather than what you can't.

2. Return to exercise gradually: a gradual return to exercise may help your recovery, but you may need some support about how to manage or avoid fatigue afterwards. Some therapists – occupational therapists, physiotherapists and exercise physiologists – specialise in this. So ask your GP for a recommendation.

3. Prioritise sleep: rather than feeling guilty about sleeping so much, remind yourself that while you sleep, your body conserves energy and heals. Disrupted sleep patterns are an unfortunate covid symptom. Having a strict bedtime, while also resting when you feel tired during the day, is important.

4. Eat a range of nutritious foods: loss of smell, taste and appetite from COVID can make this tricky. However, try to view food as a way of fuelling your body with both energy and the micronutrients it needs to heal. Be careful not to spend a fortune on unproven "remedies" that often look good in small studies, but more robust research finds make little difference.

5. Monitor your fatigue: keep a diary to monitor your fatigue, and look for a gradual improvement. You will have good days and bad days, but overall there should be a slow trajectory towards recovery. If you are going backwards, get input from a health professional, such as your GP.

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When life gives you lemons

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Lemon can be beneficial to your skin, but it can also have some negative consequences.

Lemon juice has astringent qualities due to its acidic composition. Lemons, for example, have a low pH and can help decrease inflammation and oil, both of which can contribute to acne production. Additionally, lemons contain citric acid, an AHA that helps to break down the dead skin cells that are responsible for acne.

The citric acid in lemons can gradually eliminate blemishes and level out skin tone. Citrus fruit is also said to be a natural approach to boosting collagen in the face. Collagen is a protein that dissolves naturally with age, causing fine lines and wrinkles.

Applying some diluted lemon juice on your face can help curb excess oil quickly and effectively.

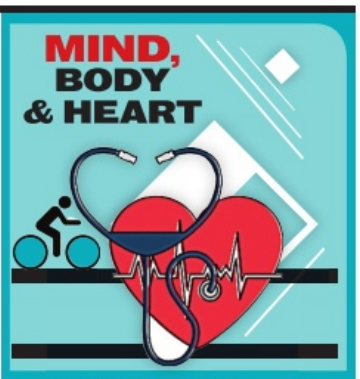
A DIY lemon and honey face mask is effective for tightening pores, eliminating excess sebum, and adding antioxidants to your skin. Adding yoghurt and a bit of turmeric to this mask helps battle hyperpigmentation while also aiding in the removal of pimples.

Combine equal parts lemon juice, rose water, and cucumber juice in a small dish. This can be used to minimise the appearance of acne scars. Cucumber juice soothes and lightens your skin, including scars. Rosewater keeps your skin hydrated and gives you a healthy, beautiful shine.

Lemon, while having many benefits for the skin can on the flip side also have some negative effects on the skin.

Skin irritation is the most prevalent negative effect of utilising fruit acids on your face. Lemon is quite acidic, which can irritate the skin. Excessive skin dryness, redness, and peeling may develop. These effects may be worsened if you have sensitive skin. People with sensitive skin should avoid using lemon on their skin in general.

Citrus fruits can produce phytophotodermatitis, an inflammatory reaction when exposed to UV radiation. This might result in symptoms such as redness, swelling, and blistering.



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I've told my partner I've thought about leaving repeatedly and yet she does nothing to change her ways at all. I still love her very much and want to fix things, but I've run out of ideas. I've done everything I can think of, trying to get through to her how her constant negative attitude is ruining our relationship. We can't even watch a TV show without risk of an argument over something. Her unhappiness is turning me into an angry, stressed person and I have never been that way. I don't know how much more fighting I can handle. Please help me.

COLEEN SAYS

I don't think she believes you. I hold my hands up because I did this for a couple of years in a relationship, hoping threats of leaving would make a difference, but it doesn't work. Action speaks louder than words in the end. All you need to say is, "I love you, but I need to move out for a while because I can't continue to live like this and I think we're better off apart for the time being". But you have to mean it and do it. She'll either work hard to change and to address her unhappiness or she won't, and if she doesn't, then you'll realise you made the right decision.

The problem with "fixing" a relationship is that you can't do it on your own – both of you have to want to save it. It's no good if one of you is doing all the work and the other isn't prepared to change. It's very hard to live with someone who's so negative all the time. I call them emotional vampires because they literally suck the life out of you! There comes a point if they're not willing to look at themselves and the role they play that you have to put yourself and your wellbeing first. I don't know if she'd agree to therapy, but that's also an option and you could still do it if you're living apart.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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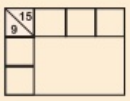
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

[x^2-(4!+4^2)]^(1/2)=9
x = ?

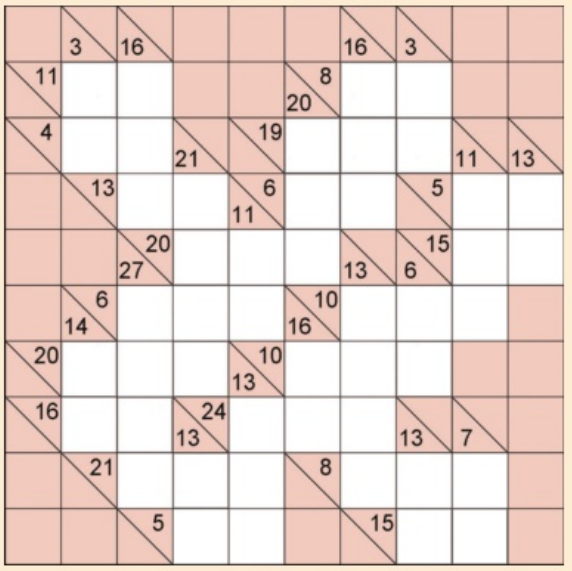
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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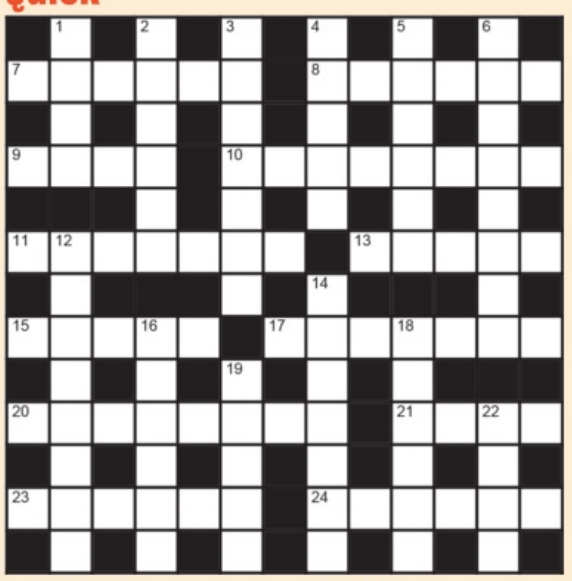


ACROSS

7 Enclosure for horses (6)
8 Rascals (6)
9 Persian fairy (4)
10 Wine merchants (8)
11 Reprove, reprimand or admonish (7)
13 Lay ___ : abandon or reject ? (5)
15 Chain or bridle (5)
17 Knoll (7)
20 Accredits, authorises or empowers (8)
21 Middle Eastern restaurant on Coles Road (4)
23 Make purer (6)
24 Shelled amphibian (6)

DOWN

1 Blood and guts (4)
2 Intellectual ability (6)
3 Bondage, drudgery (7)
4 Unanimously (2,3)
5 Swoons (6)
6 Intermittent (8)
12 Makes better (8)
14 Dusks (7)
16 Moment of danger (6)
18 Composer of "The Magic Flute" (6)
19 Armada (5)
22 Tartan skirt (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Q EQUALS O

SQ UQQV NQXM ZF CACX VQSC NKZRC GKC KCIXG ZF KQG ISV ISDZQPF ISV LXCGGCV.

Linemaro

If kisses were snowflakes,
I'd send you a blizzard

Mindchow

Our perfect companions never have fewer than four feet

Joke of the day

A man walked into the doctor's. The doctor said "I haven't seen you in a long time." The man replied, "I know, I've been ill."

Loop

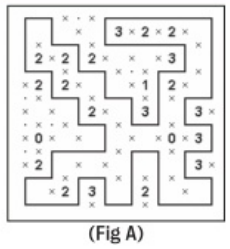
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



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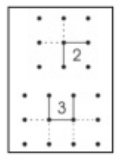
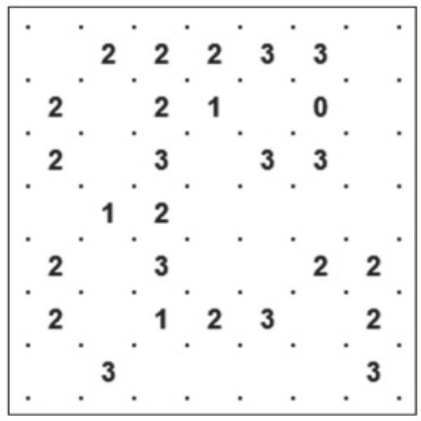
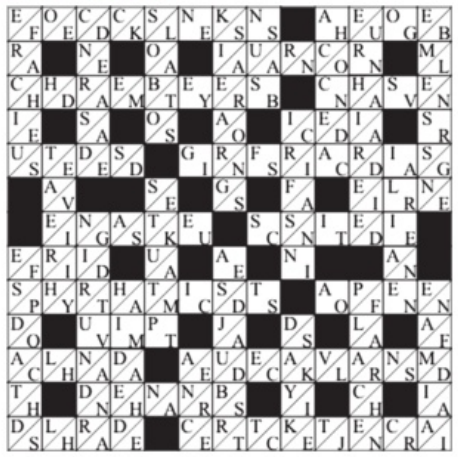


(Fig B)
Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1 M	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Mt Ass; 6 On hut;
7 Rotes; 8 So ere;
9 Drake

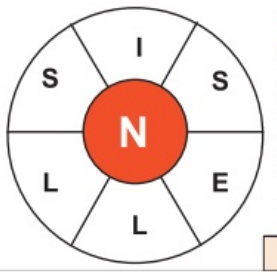
DOWN

1 Mures; 2 A rant;
3 Hooks; 4 Or set;
5 Ed set

Mensapuzzle

Which is the missing keystone?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	3						8	
		6	2		8	1		
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		5	6		7	3		
	8						7	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 18
2 3 5 8

Medium = 24
3 4 4 8

Hard = 19
4 7 9 7

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

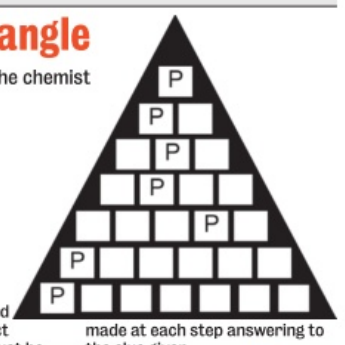
Differences: 1. Board in fence is taller. 2. Cinder block is different. 3. Finger is moved. 4. Sleeve is different. 5. Foot is moved. 6. Hook is smaller.

Riddler

I'm in a zoo But not in a jungle I rarely come in pairs But I'm in every puzzle Some think I'm in a xylophone But, I most certainly am not You don't see me with a loan But very strangely in a zealot I'm in the magical prison of Azkaban Well, can't you see? I'm in the buzz of a fan But, my oh my what could I be?

Alpha triangle

1 Phosphorus for the chemist
2 Dad
3 Sauna site
4 Imitates
5 High jumps
6 Implores
7 Tickled pink



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

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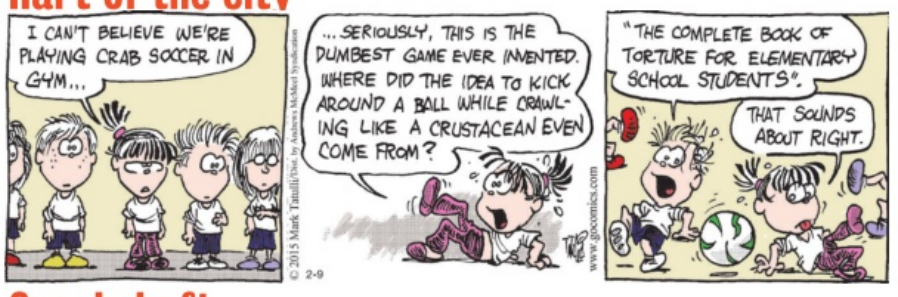
INK INC.
Born to Raise Hell
I've been accepted at law school. Can you change "hell" to "objections"?

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city


I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE PLAYING CRAB SOCCER IN GYM...
...SERIOUSLY, THIS IS THE DUMBEST GAME EVER INVENTED. WHERE DID THE IDEA TO KICK AROUND A BALL WHILE CRAWLING LIKE A CRUSTACEAN EVEN COME FROM?
"THE COMPLETE BOOK OF TORTURE FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS".
THAT SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT.
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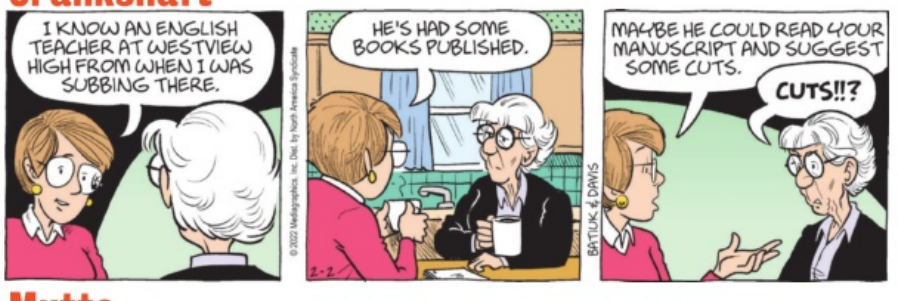
Crankshaft


I KNOW AN ENGLISH TEACHER AT WESTVIEW HIGH FROM WHEN I WAS SUBBING THERE.
HE'S HAD SOME BOOKS PUBLISHED.
MAYBE HE COULD READ YOUR MANUSCRIPT AND SUGGEST SOME CUTS.
CUTS!!?
BATIUK & DAVIS
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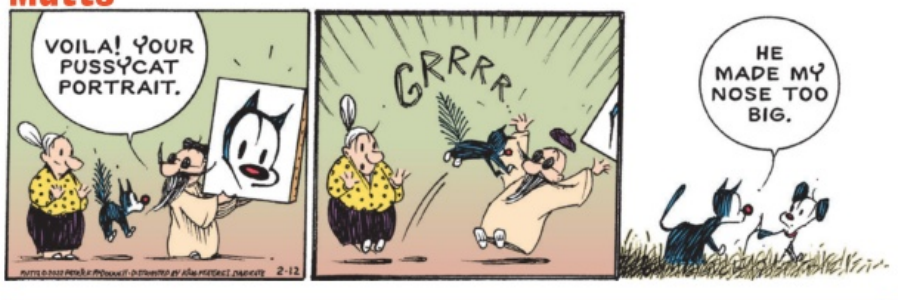
Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
You may feel dull at first but will develop a handle on the negativity by the evening. New people may connect with you on the work front. They may help you as you rethink your business plans. Read documents carefully.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Blessings may help you control your indecisiveness. Children'shealth will be better now. Colleagues may be supportive at work and help you achieve success in a project. You can expect to receive some incentives with your salary. Those working with dairy, water, grains projects, homemaking, art and culture may do well.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may be busy with domestic issues. You might take an interest in artefacts, movies and fashion which may boost your creativity. You may spend money on artefacts and house hold stuff and elevate your social status. You may be more polite to others. You may also plan to go on a trip with family or friends.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may be more happy and internal vitality will boost your self confidence. Feel relaxed after sound sleep. Avoid carelessness in making decisions in terms of finances, profession and studies. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse. You may face self respect issues. Be patient to avoid to turning happy moments into bad ones.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Your tendency to overspend may affect your savings. Be careful while expressing yourself on the work and domestic front. Avoid lending money and postpone important decisions regarding real estate and other assets. Avoid fleeing from your responsibilities.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Your strong network may help to implement business plans. Use your wisdom to gain profits. You may enjoy harmony in your domestic life due to a good understanding with your spouse. Those in careers related to metal and booking agents will do better.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
You may be passionate about work. Follow your intuition before making decisions related to your business, job or investments. You may have to deal with a heavy work load but blessings from elders may help you to control this messy situation.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
You will enjoy peace and will not hurry things; this will show in your way of working. Destiny may side with you and help your complete postponed projects and targets. You may be patient in your domestic life and maintain harmony. You may face some skin or stomach-related issues.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
You may become a victim of negative thoughts. You may feel dull and impatient and your arrogance may distract you while making difficult decisions. You may be in need the blessings of your elders to grow on the work front. Avoid investing in dead assets. Love birds must avoid discussing bad moments.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today is good for work. You may be able to perform well and your boss may hand you new responsibilities and some promotions. Disputes with the partner may get settled now. You may lend money to buy assets. Your kids' health may be better now. You may invest in their future.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be blessed by the moon. Love is in the air. Singles may find a suitable match. You may do better in terms of your professional life. Friends and juniors at work may support you. Investments in gems and jewellery may yield gains in the near future. Be careful about elders' health.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
You will be happy and possess some sort of energy which may boost your prestige in your social circle. You may spend your time to study intellectual stuff.

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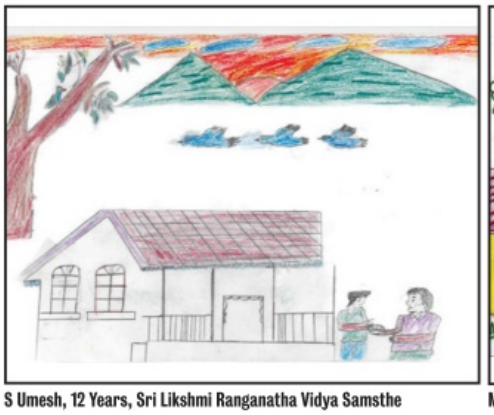

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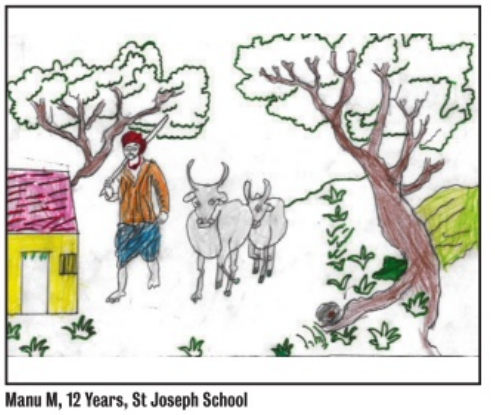

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
=>[X^2-(24+16)]^(1/2)=9
=>[X^2-40]^(1/2)=9
=>X^2=40+81
=>X^2=121
=>X=+11,-11

BULL'S EYE ILLNESS, lien, line, sine

STRIKE OUT

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RIDDLER The letter Z

QUOTE UNCODE
No good work is ever done while the heart is hot and anxious and fretted.

QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE C.

SUDOKU

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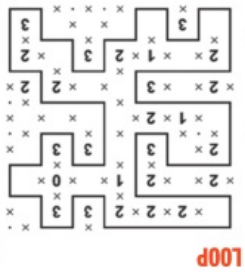
2	1	8	5	7	9	6	4	3
7	2	3	9	4	5	8	6	1
1	4	5	6	8	7	3	9	2
6	8	9	1	3	2	5	7	4

ALPHA TRIANGLE
P, Pa, Spa, Apes, Leaps, Pleads, Pleased.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 + 2 + 3 + 8 = 18
Medium
3 – 4 + 4 x 8 = 24
Hard
7 + 9 – 4 + 7 = 19

LOOP



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 # Elli's played her part
Actor Elli Avrram, who plays the female lead opposite Dhanush in director Selvaraghavan's upcoming film, 'Naane Varuven', has completed shooting for her portions of the film

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All decked up, wedding to go

While Ranbir's house is lit up, we have more details on the pastel-themed wedding

Amid Alia Bhatt and Ranbir Kapoor's wedding rumours, Ranbir's new under-construction home in Bandra has been decked with strings of lights. A video from the Krishna Raj bungalow has gone viral on social media. In the clip, various workers can be seen decorating the bungalow with LED string lights.

Ranbir, Alia and Neetu Kapoor have visited the site several times in the past, to check on the construction progress. Sources suggest Ranbir and Alia, fondly called by fans as RanAlia, will move into the Krishna Raj bungalow once they tie the knot.

The wedding will reportedly be a 4-day-long affair at the RK house. The functions will start from April 13 onwards with the Mehendi ceremony followed by a sangeet ceremony on the next day and finally the wedding on April 15. As per reports, the duo will get married in an intimate ceremony.

As per reports, Alia will be donning a Sabyasachi lehenga for her special day. She will also be reportedly wearing Manish Malhotra outfits for her wedding festivities. Rumours also suggest the couple will host a grand reception at the luxury hotel Taj Mahal Palace in Mumbai on April 17.

For the unversed, Ranbir and Alia had fallen in love with each other on the sets of their upcoming film 'Brahmastra'. The two made their first appearance as a couple at Sonam Kapoor's wedding reception in 2018. So far, the couple has remained tight-lipped about their wedding details. **-ANI**

Lawsuit prep: Amber to go offline

Actor Amber Heard says she will be "offline for the next several weeks" as she faces a defamation lawsuit in the US filed by her former husband and embattled Hollywood star Johnny Depp.

Heard, who will next be seen in "Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom", shared the update with her fans on Instagram on Saturday night. "I'm going to go offline for the next several weeks. As you may know, I'll be in Virginia where I face my ex-husband Johnny Depp in court. Johnny is suing me for an op-ed I wrote in the Washington Post, in which I recounted my experience of domestic abuse," the 35-year-old wrote. Heard did not mention Depp (58) by name in the column. In her message, the actor said in the article she wrote about "the price women pay for speaking against men in power". "I continue to pay that price, but hopefully when this case concludes, I can move on and so can Johnny," she further said. **-PTI**

Engaged, Bennifer on a house hunt

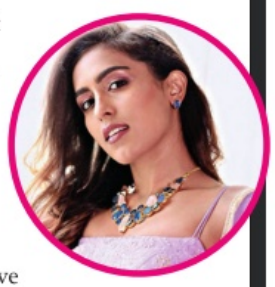
Jennifer Lopez has announced her engagement to Ben Affleck, 18 years after the pair called off their first wedding. The Hollywood stars - nicknamed Bennifer - beamed as they attended a screening of the appropriately titled film Marry Me on Friday, just hours after Jen shared their happy news.

The bride-to-be even wore a white lace dress to the do in Los Angeles. The A-listers had been spotted house-hunting in Santa Monica. The pair were snapped snuggling up to each other after viewing some multimillion dollar mansions. Jen, 52, revealed the engagement news in her OnTheJLo newsletter, where an Instagram video showed her flashing a huge green engagement ring and wiping away tears of joy. She and actor Ben, 49, went their separate ways in 2003 after cancelling their wedding. **—Daily Mirror**

Mum's The Word for Samyuktha

Actor Samyuktha Hegde on Sunday wished her mother a happy birthday by penning a touching post on Instagram.

The actor, whose recently released Tamil film 'Manmatha Leelai' has come in for praise from the critics, wrote, "To the person I love the most in my life. Happy 60 Amma (not sure if its 16).



"I know you don't celebrate your birthday, but I'm celebrating 60 years of your life. You are the strongest woman in my life, and I would be nothing without you. "Life has given our family a ton of problems but God gave us you to constantly cheer us up on this journey and I'm super grateful for that. If not for you, I don't know when I would've given up. You are my greatest inspiration, my closest friend, my partner in crime, my biggest fan, my support system, I don't want to ever imagine a life without you amma..." **-IANS**

Portrait of an artist as a poet

We adore Deepika Padukone for her stellar performances on screen. She's also a badminton champ. But how many of you know she had also explored her inner poetess once when she was only 12? Yes, you read it right!

When the actor was in class 7, she was given just two words 'I am' to write a poem and Deepika tried her best, although it was her first and last attempt at writing poems. On Sunday, she shared the poem with her Instagram universe and wrote, "My first AND LAST attempt at writing poetry! This was in grade 7.I was 12.The poem was titled 'I Am'.We were given the first 2 words that you see and the rest is history! (sic)." It might be her first poem but fans are impressed.

Deepika's poem reads, "I am a child with love and care. I wonder how far the stars reach. I hear the rush of the waves. I see the deep blue sea. I want to be a loving child of God. I am a child with love and care. I pretend to be a blooming flower. I feel the soothing hands of God. I touch the mountains way so far. I worry if I am liked by all. I cry for the ones who need God's tender touch. I am a child with love and care. I understand that life must end. I say you must work hard. I dream what I ought to dream. I try to do my very best. I hope I deserve the very best. I am a child with love and care. (sic)." **—ETimes**